

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair, weather, synoptic seasonal pressure trough extends from Persia Gulf to East Mediterranean.

	A	B	C	D
Therms	23	27	27	27
Humid	65	75	75	75
Natana	23	27	27	27
Tel Aviv	23	27	27	27
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Lydda	23	27	27	27
Jerusalem	23	27	27	27
Bethlehem	23	27	27	27
Haifa	23	27	27	27
Beirut	23	27	27	27

(A) Humidity at 2 p.m. (B) Maximum temperature (C) Minimum temperature (D) Wind speed in miles per hour.

ARRIVALS

Dr. R. Lohmann, Minister General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, from a month's trip to Europe.

Mr. Shimon Kaddar, Head of the Foreign Service Inspectorate, from a tour of Israel representing the Ministry of Defense.

Mr. Karl Plack, Director of the Food Import Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, from a tour of Israel representing the Ministry of Defense.

Mr. C. J. Sundaram, a dentist from Penang, Malaya, with his wife, for a short stay as part of a world tour. (By El Al).

A POSTAL AGENCY will open at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, on Sunday, August 24, on the occasion of the meeting of the International Conference of Israeli Development Loan leaders. The agency will remain open until the following Wednesday and will use a special post mark.

Mapai Wants Agron As Mayor Again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The overwhelming feeling in the Party is that Mr. Agron should be re-nominated for Mayor, and I have no doubt that this is what will happen," Mr. Dov Lipov, Secretary of the Jerusalem branch of Mapai, said on Wednesday.

He was addressing a press conference which he had called to deny reports in "Hatzofeh" that Mapai would not re-nominate Mr. Agron, but that he would be given a diplomatic post.

Mr. Lipov said he was authorized to say in Mr. Agron's name that the Mayor has not been offered any diplomatic post.

He added that no discussion has yet taken place in the Party's executive committee on the subject of Mr. Agron's re-nomination.

With regard to reports that Mr. Moshe Baran, Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, would be asked to give up his post as Municipal Councilor, Mr. Lipov said that the Jerusalem Secretariat has requested the Council to implement its "one job" rule with regard to Mr. Baran until the election.

Mr. Lipov pointed out that Mr. Baran is the chairman of both the Mapai faction and the Coalition in the Municipal Council and that his resignation so close to election time might prove detrimental to the Party.

In reply to a question, Mr. Lipov said that Jerusalem should be governed by a liberal-religious coalition. But Mapai would not force the leadership of Mr. Agron and the religious parties made that a condition of their joining such a coalition.

New Solei Boneh Starting Work

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M.A.B. for Expansion Of Preventive Medicine

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Expansion of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School's Department of Social and Preventive Medicine is one of the recommendations made by the School's Medical Advisory Board from the U.S. which today (Thursday) winds up a three-week workshop in Israel.

Other proposals include: extending post-graduate training to older physicians and immigrant doctors; expanding a fellowship programme to allow the younger as well as the senior faculty members of the School to study abroad; and the establishment of a school of veterinary medicine.

The Board also pledged to increase efforts to obtain grants from various institutions and foundations in the United States.

At a press conference in Jerusalem Wednesday, Dr. Harry Zimmerman, Chief of the Laboratory Division of the Montefiore Hospital in New York and Chairman of the M.A.B., said he thought Medical School graduates were of high calibre. He reported that Kupa Holim and Government officials have expressed complete satisfaction with the Israel-trained doctors.

Dr. Erich Rosenbaum

will take place on the Thirtieth Day after his death, Friday, August 22, 1958 at 11 noon at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

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Hedwig Rosenbaum Chalfi Family

We wish to express our deepest sympathy and condolences

to Mr. Haim Or, Advocate on the passing away of his father

David Lutzinsky

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Lock-Out Looms In Metal Industry

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The prospect of a lock-out of the country's entire metal industry loomed on Wednesday as the attitude of the heads of the Manufacturers Association stiffened over the strike at the Friedmann Stove Factory in Jerusalem.

Contrary to press reports, the chief of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, Mr. A. Becker, does not intend intervening in the strike, preferring to leave the issue to arbitration. It is known that Mr. Y. Zan-Bar, head of the National Metal Workers Union, has been pressing for the Department to intervene, but it is believed that Mr. Becker prefers that an arbitrator be drawn from the ranks of Jerusalem labour leaders.

Mr. Y. Klageshad, a Manufacturers Association head, told The Jerusalem Post on Wednesday that "employers would shortly take concerted steps." He pointed out the formation of a party committee to settle the dispute, but was not prepared to accept arbitration whilst the strike continued.

Mr. Klageshad claimed that the Jerusalem Labour Council had only given its support to the strike because of the industrial position of the workers of the Friedmann factory in the Jerusalem labour movement.

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Baby vs. Deadline

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HAIFA. — A boy, the sixth member of the Baghdad family, impatiently burst upon the world in a taxi-cab at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The cab failed to beat the deadline of the hospital, although it was going at 80 k.p.h. when the youngster arrived.

Mr. Yehiel Golinaky, of Kiryat Motzkin, whose taxi now holds a record of four deliveries, was the driver. He is the holder of the "Safe Driver" title and two gold medals.

Mother Zippora Baghdad and her child are reported doing well.

Shatta Duty Officer Couldn't Use Arms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police Officer Avraham Weiler, 32, the senior officer present in the Shatta prison during the mass break-out, testified before the Shatta Enquiry Commission on Wednesday that he did not know how to handle either a Bren or an Uzi submachine-gun.

He added that Sergeant Yaeger, who had been on duty with him during that evening, had drawn a pistol from the prison armoury instead of the regulation Uzi, because he too did not know how to use the submachine-gun.

In a remark following Weiler's testimony, the Chairman of the Commission, District Judge M. Etzioni, said that Weiler seemed to be unfit to have served as duty officer in the prison.

Mr. Weiler, who was wounded during the riot and who had to be helped up to the witness stand, stated that in his opinion one of the main reasons for the debacle at Shatta stemmed from the "exaggerated" striving to employ the prisoners in productive work in order to make the prison self-sufficient. He also added that the barbed wire fence around the prison had not been completed for lack of funds.

Looks After Geese

Turning to the evening of the prison break, Weiler told the members of the Commission that he had gone to look after the prison's geese which were raised for sale while Sergeant Yaeger had gone to slake time. Later, he had allowed Schechter, the duty clerk, to go out to the fields to get the state's geese. He ordered Yaeger to replace him at the duty desk. It was there that Yaeger was killed by a bullet from a rifle held by one of the rioting prisoners, who was struggling with Weiler at the outbreak of the riot.

Aluf Y. Rabin, O.C. Northern Command of the Israel Defence Forces testified in camera.

Jacob to Stay, Joanovic to Go

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Convinced that William Jacob, an American Jew with a criminal record who entered Israel illegally, is entitled to "make good," the Ministry of Interior has decided to postpone the implementation of the expulsion order against him.

The decision was taken by the Minister, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda.

The expulsion order was issued ten days ago. At the end of the three month postponement period, the Ministry is to re-examine his case.

Joseph Joanovic, who is sought by the French police on charges of financial irregularities, is to be expelled at the beginning of next week. The Ministry stated that the implementation of the expulsion order issued against him was also postponed in order to enable him to find a country willing to accept him. So far Joanovic has not obtained an entrance visa to any country.

Milk Producers Want Higher Prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A demand to raise the price of milk to 370 pruta a litre and to increase the fat content of milk to three per cent, was made by representatives of the Milk Producers and Marketing Board at a press conference at Beit Sokolow on Wednesday.

The demand for price increases is in accordance with an agreement in the Cabinet to bring about the gradual cancellation of milk subsidies.

Earlier, the Association's General Secretary, Mr. D. Gershon, told the assembled 1,500 delegates representing 500 settlements that the saturation point in poultry production had been reached. He said that annual egg production had grown from 115m. in 1954, during the past four years and that annual poultry production had increased from 3,000 tons to 5,500 tons during the same period. He declared that poultry farmers had benefited from the Government egg agreement and that a similar agreement was urgently called for for poultry production.

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MISSING MAN SOUGHT

ELIAT. — Local police are searching for Ya'acov Sasson, 44, who is believed to have accidentally crossed over the border into Jordan.

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Delegates Of British Jewry

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The first official visit to Israel by a delegation representing all segments of Jewry in the United Kingdom was called "a historic occasion" by Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who arrived on Wednesday morning.

The delegation is headed by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and Mr. Janner.

The other members are Mr. A. G. Brotman, Secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Judge Clifford Cohen, Mr. Percy Cohen, Mr. John Dight, Mr. Seymour and Lady Karminski, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lederer, Mr. Reuben Lieberman, Mr. Solomon Teff and Mr. Rudolph Lyons.

The invitation was extended to the Board of Deputies by the External Relations of the Jewish Agency, with a view to strengthening the fraternal bonds between British Jewry and Israel.

During its 10-day stay, the delegation will be received by the President and the Prime Minister.

Folklore Exhibit Opens in Acre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — The Municipal Museum opened its doors Wednesday night to a throng of Bedouin sheikhs, mukhtars and other notables from the north and south, who came to the opening of the Israel Minorities Folklore Exhibition.

The show, which will remain open till the end of the year, was opened by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Y. Bar-Yehuda; Mayor Y. Sharif Mamlik.

Among the items on exhibit are the products of potters, boat builders, rug weavers. A total of 117,000 were spent on the exhibition by the Ministry of the Interior and the Municipality.

ASSEMBLY

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and advancement of their liberated domain," he added.

The Israel delegate said the ultimate relationship between the independent Arab peoples must be determined by the countries concerned, and that it is nothing in the Charter to prevent a state from voluntary union with another.

But he called attention to the fact that "separate existence and identity" was also a right of the Arab peoples when they so desired.

"But the relations between Arab states in the Middle East are only one part of the situation," Mr. Eban added.

"Together with the liberation of the Arab peoples, other nations in the Middle East have secured their independence. It is vital to recall that every non-Arab member of the U.N. in the Middle East has complete equality of rights with every Arab member of the region."

Mr. Eban reminded the Assembly that while the Middle East included 54 million Arabs, it included also 28 million non-Arabs. In the light of this fact, official declarations about a continuous area between the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf as the inheritance of one nation must be regarded as an offense to international peace as well as a distortion of history, geography and law. While full respect is due the rights of Arab nations, it remains true that the Middle East has not been in the past, is not now and cannot be in the future an exclusively Arab domain," he stated.

Declaring that "nationalism must come to terms with the U.N. Charter and asserting that 'no nation could justly seek rights for itself which it denies to another nation,'" Eban cautioned that "the relations of Arab states with each other and with their non-Arab neighbours are not likely to achieve full stability in the early future."

Turning to the question of whether development in the Middle East will be pursued on a collective or on a national basis, he said this is far less important than the question whether it will be pursued at all.

"If water resources can be used and developed in direct cooperation," he said, "we are ready now as before to work within such a framework. If others are not psychologically ready for this, then each state should be helped to carry out its national program in such a manner as will not encroach on the rights of others."



World Bond Meet Opens on Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol are to address the opening session of the International Mobilization Conference for the State of Israel Bonds on Monday at the Wines Auditorium on the Hebrew University Campus. Greetings will be delivered by President Ben-Zvi, Mr. J. J. Sprinck, the Knesset speaker, and Mayor Gershon Agron.

More than 300 persons are to attend the Conference which will last nine days.

More than 90 have already arrived and are now touring the country. The first organized group of 52 is arriving on Thursday (today) by El Al. It will be led by Mr. Samuel Rabinovitch and Mr. Alexander Lowenthal. Other groups are scheduled to come by El Al on Saturday and Sunday nights.

After two days of deliberations in Jerusalem, the Conference will move to Beer-Sheva on Monday at the Beer-Sheva-Dimona railway line. The Conference will be addressed by Mr. Moshe Carmel, Minister of Transport, and Mr. Menachem Begin, General Manager of Israel Railways. After breaking up into three groups to tour the country, the visitors reunite to be guests of the Defence Force on Army Day on September 2.

The final session will be held on September 3 at the Weizmann Institute. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. Moshe Carmel, Minister of Transport, and Mr. Menachem Begin, General Manager of Israel Railways. After breaking up into three groups to tour the country, the visitors reunite to be guests of the Defence Force on Army Day on September 2.

On the same evening, they will attend a banquet at the Sharon Hotel at which Mr. Golda Meir, the foreign Minister, will speak.

Crowd of Thousands Grets Hakham Outside Hotel

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Just like Yom Ha'atzmaut (the Israel Independence Day celebration)," Mr. Amos Hakham, World Bible Champion, told The Jerusalem Post when asked to comment on the spontaneous demonstration accorded him after the International Bible Quiz in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The question referred to the convergence of an estimated 3,500 persons from all parts of the capital on the Kings Hotel after the Kol Yisrael announcer, Mr. Nakhman Rogel, invited all courageous "Jerusalemites" to turn out to welcome the contestants returning from the Hebrew University Amphitheatre.

Within a quarter of an hour, many did just that. They gathered outside the hotel in a joyous throng.

It took a heavy police bodyguard to get Mr. Amos Hakham past the men, women and children who surged forward as he descended from the bus bringing the contestants to the hotel. As the crowd insisted on calling his name, Mr. Hakham appeared on the hotel balcony to wave shyly.

The turnout took everybody by surprise, and the relatively few patrolmen on the scene worked intensely to keep the crowd from sweeping into the hotel, where a reception was being held for the contestants.

Relaxing after a hard evening, the contestants obligingly signed autographs and expressed their admiration for the arrangements for the quiz as well as for Mr. Hakham. Mrs. Irene Santos, third prize winner, wept when the Brazilian national anthem was played, disappeared into her room soon after shaking hands all around.

Mrs. Myrtle Davis, of the State of Georgia, who earlier in the day called the "Atlanta Constitution" that the three English-speaking contestants are having difficulty understanding the questions because of translation from Hebrew into English, stated that the interpretation in the second half of the quiz "was fine."

She sent a second cable Wednesday afternoon that "translations into English had worked out satisfactorily for English-speaking contestants."

At noon Wednesday, the 15 national champions from 14 countries were guests of the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr

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INDICATIONS of a significant turn in the policy of Saudi Arabia have been multiplying lately, and a SAUDIA proclivity seems to have been accounted for by the recent visit of King Saud to Riyadh and Cairo. Coming at the conclusion of four days of intensive talks between the two leaders, the communiqué was unequivocal in its demand for the removal of foreign troops "from all Arab countries" and stated frankly that the two parties would work hand-in-hand for the consolidation of Arab Nationalism "on the basis of positive neutrality and non-alignment." In a statement he made just before leaving Cairo, Faisal said he was firmly in favour of the neutralization of the Middle East.

Faisal, who since April has been the effective ruler of Saudi Arabia, paid his visit to Cairo soon after Field Marshal Abdul Hakim Amer, Nasser's Deputy and U.A.R. Minister of War, paid a surprise visit to Riyadh earlier in the month, reportedly with a view to "purifying the atmosphere of relations between the two countries, and strengthening their ties of cooperation and fraternity." The Saudi Premier's utterances in Cairo constitute a sharp departure from the policies which his half-brother, King Saud, was advocating right up to the end, when last April he conferred unlimited powers on Faisal following the unearthing of an allegedly Saudi-financed plot to assassinate Colonel Nasser and foil the union between Egypt and Syria.

Faisal's visit is not, however, the first indication of a change of policy. Riyadh was among the first Arab countries outside Nasser's orbit to recognize the new regime in Baghdad. When Jordan was urgently in need of fuel after supplies through the Lebanon and Syria were stopped, the Saudi authorities refused to grant permission to American planes carrying fuel to Amman to fly across Saudi territory.

Prior to this, Saudi Arabia policy under Faisal showed an unmistakable tendency to appease and befriend Nasser. The withdrawal of Saudi troops from Jordan and Faisal's refusal to continue paying a subsidy to King Hussein are all moves in the same direction. Despite a vicious campaign against King Saud by Cairo and Damascus, Riyadh remained cordial to the U.A.R. authorities, allowing Egyptian teachers and technicians to do their double job inside Saudi.

But factors other than Crown Prince Faisal's leanings must be taken into account in appraising this latest change of policy. It is not likely, for instance, that this astute politician has genuinely been won over by Colonel Nasser's ideas or impressed by his transparent slogans about Arab unity and the like. One must look for other, more practical factors behind these one-sided developments. The sudden downfall of the Iraqi monarchy and the traditionally pro-Western attitude associated with it; the all but hopeless position of King Hussein of Jordan; the troubles in the Lebanon, where a firm pro-Western regime is to be replaced by a neutralist one — these are the factors which seem to have induced the Saudis to make a radical reappraisal of their position vis-à-vis the Egyptian ruler. After all, friendly relations — even some kind of association by federation or the Yemenite model — would be far preferable to a violent fall, Baghdad style. It was such practical considerations which led the Saudis into the present close relations with Cairo.

It is not yet clear what this new development will mean in terms of Saudi relations with the West, but it does not seem likely that any precipitate action will be taken by Riyadh in connection with either the U.S. air base in Dhahran or the present oil arrangement with Aramco — the two things which concern the West most closely in its dealings with Riyadh. But a closer association between this oil-rich country and the United Arab Republic, especially if followed by a similar move from Kuwait, will mean for Nasser a decisive step forward in his plan for Arab unity on shared oil resources.

North African Friction Over Oil

Algerian Rebels Angered at Franco-Tunisian Accord

By WILLIAM MILLINSHIEP

PARIS (OFNS).

THE Tunisian Government's determination to allow oil from the Sahara to be piped across Tunisia territory has sparked off an open quarrel between the Tunisians and the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN). Although the French Government has not yet officially announced its intention of building the pipeline, the Tunisians have published an agreement with the Trappes company for a line from the Edjele oilfield across more than 200 miles of Tunisian territory to Skhirra on the Gulf of Gabes. Reliable reports say engineers are start planning the route before the end of this month. The FLN, already irritated by the French Government's new agreement with the de Gaulle Government for the evacuation of French troops from Tunisia, regard the latest instance of Franco-Tunisian cooperation as a stab in the back. The FLN complain that the oil agreement is a psychological victory for the French and indirectly recognizes France's claims on the Sahara. Helping the French exploit the oilfields, the FLN contend dramatically, will result in "thousands of Algerian dead."

To justify M. Bourguiba's decision, the Tunisian language paper "L'Action" argued that the agreement had no political implications, that the FLN had no right to attack the Tunisians who had never wavered in their support for Algerian nationalism, and that by the time the pipeline project was launched, the Tunisians would have won independence. It claimed rather wildly that the Edjele region of Algeria was in any case part of Tunisia at one time. But "L'Action" also admitted that the pipeline would bring to Tunisia urgently needed revenue and would make work for thousands of Tunisian unemployed.

FLN Paper Seized

The quarrel reached a high pitch several days ago, when President Bourguiba ordered the seizure of the FLN organ "El Moudjahid" (The Combatant) which was printed at Tunis in French and in Arabic. This unprecedented action caused considerable surprise and only demonstrated the importance of the Tunisian Government attaches to the construction of the pipeline. It was a bold move, for M. Bourguiba has consistently pro-Western attitude by no means universally supported in his country. His Government, with its tiny

army, would be no match for the strongly-armed Algerian force stationed on Tunisian territory, if the quarrel took a violent turn. The dispute has also given the Moroccan an opportunity to make up for their previous rather cool support for the Algerian nationalist cause. The Moroccan Istiklal Party has already backed the FLN demand for a special meeting of the Permanent Secretariat of the Maghreb, formed at Tangier last April. The Tunisians are unwilling to take part in the meeting at the dock and equally unwilling to give way to FLN pressure. M. Bourguiba had to counter the attraction of the Nasser-type Arab nationalism at home while embodying popular support of the FLN resistance; but he is also obliged to try to remedy his country's desperate economic situation. Widespread unemployment and a low standard of living may eventually cause a wave of discontent which will sweep him from power.

French Pleased

From the French point of view, the rift between M. Bourguiba and the FLN is not unwelcome, for there is no doubt that Tunisia aid to the rebels has made the French Army's task much more difficult in Algeria. The oil quarrel, however, seems unlikely to stop this aid. On the contrary, M. Bourguiba may well feel obliged to give even further proof of his belief in Algerian independence.

Meanwhile, it is curious to note that the Tunisian pipeline project is also unpopular among the European population of Algeria. When I was in the Sahara several weeks ago a young French engineer or six children under eight years old were taken to the pipeline, since the Tunisians could not be trusted. It seems that for political, economic and practical reasons, the French Government favours Tunisia. The pipeline would certainly help to improve Franco-Tunisian relations; it would also, be far cheaper than a longer pipe across Algeria and labour is plentiful in Tunisia. Faisal, moreover, it is only fair to point out that Faisal's performance was nothing like the old, fearful type of monarch, which many of us dislike, but was an aesthetically satisfying experience and was considered by some people to have been one of the most enjoyable numbers on the programme.

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This week, too, the Creps oil company (Compagnie de Recherches et d'Exploitation des Petroles du Sahara, in which Royal Dutch Shell has a 35 per cent interest) which has the rights to the Edjele region, has announced new strikes which indicate the reserves in the region are much higher than expected. While oil companies are traditionally careful about their estimates, it is significant that the pipelines from Edjele will have a diameter of 34 inches and not 16 as previously planned. Work will start next month on a similar size pipeline from Hassi Messaoud to the Algerian port of Bougie.

Oil Flow

It is estimated that by 1962 oil from Hassi Messaoud will be reaching the Mediterranean at the rate of 14 million tons a year — equal to half of France's present consumption. It seems that similar hopes are now centred on the Edjele region.

There is no doubt that French optimism in the future is based to a large extent on the promise of vast wealth and power from the desert. These riches complicate the problems of North Africa, but make their solution more imperative.

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At the Cinema

"WILD IS THE WIND" (Uphir, Tel Aviv) varies the usual Western diet with a touch of antebellum, but even Anna Magnani is hard to it to save a film which is rendered largely in terms of animal cries and broken croakery.

The story tells what happens when a tempestuous Mediterranean temperament, in the person of Miss Magnani, encounters the Great American West where sheep are a heap and men are men and the dialogue scarcely ceases to disintegrate. Starting at fever pitch, the drama then performs the seemingly impossible feat of continuing to ascend, exploding at intervals into sheer inarticulate fury. Pending human encounters of an ominous nature are heavily symbolized by sheep lambing, wild horses being broken, guitars arrested in mid-note.

Anthony Quinn plays the not-so-young but still raring-to-go Italian-American rancher who imports his dead wife's sister from Italy to bring his own woman's touch back to the Old West. Mr. Quinn, who is an actor of great range and seriousness, labours manfully in a part which calls on him to do little more than roar with head averted in broken English and lasso livestock, and manages occasionally to evoke the real pathos of a man who cannot communicate.

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